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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Development Branch, DPD  
SUBJECT: Additional Command Control for  
CORONA Missions

1. It is requested that you initiate the necessary action to obtain additional command control for the CORONA satellites.

2. Several months ago, during a visit to this Headquarters, [redacted] informed me that an additional camera programmer could be made available in the CORONA program whenever the operational requirement for this capability existed. He indicated this addition could be operational this summer. However, several months of lead time is required.

3. As you know, there are four passes in each days operation, from a total of nine that are over the area of interest, that are usually controlled together. Until a capability exists that allows a separate selection for each pass the CORONA program has a serious operational restriction. While this proposal does not completely satisfy this need it is easier to obtain than additional control stations located throughout the world which would give us the required command coverage.

4. This addition plus the "X" and "Y" camera program should increase the operational capability to the maximum we can hope for in the CORONA program.

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Chief, Special Projects Branch, DPD

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